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Carol Beatty, Treasurer
American Academy of Ophthalmology Inc
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Dear Ms. Beatty:

This letter is prompted by the Commission's preliminary review of the report(s) referenced above. The review raised questions concerning certain information contained in the report(s). An itemization follows:

-Schedule B supporting Line 23 of your report discloses a contribution(s) to America's Majority Trust; however, you have disclosed "Leadership PAC (Portman)" in the purpose of disbursement field(s). Please clarify whether this was an earmarked contribution(s) made by your committee through America's Majority Trust committee to this candidate, or if you made the contribution to the political committee exercising no direction or control over how the funds were to be used. If the latter is the case, please do not include the candidate's name in the purpose of disbursement field. Please amend your report to clarify the ultimate recipient of this contribution(s).

Any amendment or clarification should be filed with the Federal Election Commission. Electronic filers must file amendments (to include statements, designations and reports) in an electronic format and must submit an amended report in its entirety, rather than just those portions of the report that are being amended. If you need assistance, please feel free to contact me on our toll-free number, (800) 424-9530 (at the prompt press 1, then press 2 to reach the Reports Analysis Division). My local number is (202) 694-1130.

Sincerely,

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